**Teaching Philosophy**

Those who are skilled at understanding, interpreting, and able to use these skills in different situations will have the best chance to succeed. As a teacher my job will be to provide my students with a caring and nurturing environment with all the possible resources to be successful.

In order to accomplish my goal, I will have to consider the fact that my students are unique individuals. They all not learn the same way and while some of them might not need much help others might require a lot of it. Therefore, I will have to find where each of them stand at to take them where they need to be.

I also believe in helping students to develop a deep love and respect for themselves, others, and their environment which occurs through an open sharing of ideas and a judicious approach to discipline. When the voice of each student is heard, an environment evolves where students feel free to express themselves. Class meetings are one way to encourage such dialogue. I believe children have greater respect for their teachers, their peers, and the lessons presented when they feel safe and sure of what is expected of them. In setting fair and consistent rules initially and stating the importance of every activity, students are shown respect for their presence and time. In turn they learn to respect themselves, others, and their environment.

As for me, teaching provides an opportunity for continual learning and growth. One of my hopes as an educator is to instill a love of learning in my students, as I share my own passion for learning with them. I feel there is a need for compassionate, strong, and dedicated individuals who are excited about working with children. In our competitive society it is important for students to not only receive a solid education, but to work with someone who is aware of and sensitive to their individual needs. I am such a person and will always strive to be the best educator that I can be.